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Collection of fifty-nine letters and postcards from contemporary Canadian, British, and American poets in response to William Blissett's inquiry as to the influence of Edmund Spenser on their work. The letters date from 1953 to 1984. Some replies are added to Blissett's letter to addressee. The 1984 letters give him permission to publish the earlier letters from sender.

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CANADIAN POETS

- Armstrong, Robert J. Vancouver, 26 January 1955.
T.L.S. Leaf.
- Bailey, Alfred G. Fredericton, 3 January 1955. T.L.S.
Leaf.
- Birney, Earle. Vancouver, 15 November 1954. T.L.S.
Leaf.
- Child, Philip. Toronto, 2 December 1954. A.L.S.
11 p.
- Danielle, Roy. Vancouver, 3 December 1954. A.L.S.
2 leaves
- Dudek, Louis. Montreal, 18 April, 29 April 1955.
T.L.S., A.N.S.
- Finch, Robert. Toronto and Le Prieuré,
Blancheface, Seine-et-Oise, 2 December 1954, and
6 January 1960. A.L.S., T.L.S.
- Johnston, George. Ottawa, 3 December 1954. A.L.S.
4 p.
- Livesay, Dorothy. Vancouver, 22 January 1955. T.L.S.
Leaf.
- Mackay, L.A. Berkeley, California. 29 December 1954.
T.L.S. Leaf.
- Mandel, Eli. St. Jean, Québec, 30 November 1954.
A.L.S. 3 p.
- Pratt, E.J. Toronto, 16 November [1954] A.L.S. Leaf.
- Reaney, James. King's Park, Manitoba, [1954] A.L.S.
3 leaves.
- Scott, F.R. Montreal, 8 December 1954. T.L.S. Leaf.
- Smith, A.J.M. East Lansing, Michigan, 15 December
1954. A.N.S.
- Watson, Wreford. Toronto, [January 1954]
A.N.S.

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BRITISH POETS

Betjeman, John. Wantage, The Berks, 30 November 1954.
T.N.S.

D'Arcy, M.C. New York, 13 June [1955]
A.L.S. 2 p.

Day Lewis, Cecil. London, 26 November 1954.
A.L.S. 2 p.

De La Mare, Walter. Twickenham, 19 November 1954.
T.L.S. Leaf.

Durrell, Laurence. Nicosia, 31 January 1955. T.L.S.
Leaf. With envelope.

Eliot, T.S. London, 12 August 1953. T.L.S. Leaf.

Farrer, Austin. Oxford, 9 June 1955. A.L.S. 2 p.

Forster, E.M. Cambridge, 18 July 1959. A.L.S. Leaf.
With enclosure and envelope. Cambridge, 22 July 1955
and 24 September 1963. 2 A.N.S.

Graves, Robert. Palma de Mallorca, Spain, 5 December,
1954 and 10 June 1957. 2 A.L.S. With envelopes.

Masefield John. Burcote Brook, Abingdon, 30 November
[1954] A.N.S.

Nicholson, Norman. Millom, Cumberland, 22 December
1954 and 12 July 1984. 2 T.L.S. With envelope.

Read, Herbert. Stonegrave, York. 9 December 1954.
T.L.S. Leaf.

Ridler, Anne. Oxford, 28 January 1955 and 2 July
1984. A.N.S. and T.N.S.

Salter, Elizabeth for Edith Sitwell. London, 6 May
1964. T.L.S. Leaf. With envelope.

Andrade, L. for Osbert Sitwell, London, 20 December
1954. T.L.S. Leaf.

Treece, Henry. Barton-on-Humber, 21 February 1955.
T.L.S. 2 p.

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BRITISH POETS (CONT'D)

Warner, Rex. Wallingford and Woodstock, 20 June and
7 December 1954. 2 A.L.S.

Young, Andrew. Wadhurst, Sussex. 23 November 1954.
A.L.S. Leaf.

AMERICAN POETS

Aiken, Conrad. Brewster, Massachusetts. 24 November
1954. T.N.S.

Bogan, Louise. New York, 24 May 1957. A.N.S.

Cummings, E.E. New York, 19 November 1954. T.L.S.
Leaf. With envelope.

Eberhart, Richard. Norton, Massachusetts, and Hanover,
New Hampshire. 27 January 1955 and 26 June 1984.
2 T.L.S.

Hopkins, J.G.E. New York, 16 February 1955. T.L.S.
Leaf.

Humphries, Rolfe. [s.l., November 1954] A.N.S.

Jarrell, Randall. Greensboro, North Carolina, 20 May
1955. A.L.S. 2 p. With envelope.

MacLeish, Archibald. Cambridge, Massachusetts,
6 December 1954. T.L.S. Leaf.

Moore, Marianne. Brooklyn, 19 November 1954. T.N.S.

Pound, Ezra. [s.l., 1954?] A.L.S. Leaf.

Shapiro, Karl. Chicago and New York, 26 November
1954 and 26 July 1984. 2 T.L.S.

Stevens, Wallace. Hartford, Connecticut, 18 November
1954. T.L.S. Leaf.

Tate, Allen. Minneapolis, 23 December 1954. T.L.S.
Leaf.

Viereck, Peter. South Hadley, Massachusetts,
5 December [1954] T.N.S. With offprints of poems and
articles.

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AMERICAN POETS (CONT'D)

Warren, Robert Penn. Fairfield, Connecticut and West
Wardsboro, Vermont, 1954 and 1984. 2 T.L.S., A.N.S.
With envelope.

Williams, William Carlos. Rutherford, New Jersey,
29 November 1954. T.L.S. Leaf.